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ABSTRACT

This bibliography on library networks includes monographs, reports, journal articles, and a few forthcoming papers which have been published or prepared for publication since the end of 1970. It is divided into seven parts: Part I covers directories; Part II lists several bibliographies; Part III includes articles and books of a general, introductory nature which deal with various aspects of networks; Part IV covers existing networks in America and multi-state networks. A brief section entitled Medical Services follows, describing networks and services for Hospital and Health Science Libraries. Various aspects of the technology of networks, telecommunications, and computers are covered in Part V, while Part VI deals with questions of the organization, funding, governing, and legal basis of networks. The final section is entitled National Networking. Articles on proposed or existing systems are included, as are a group of papers concerning the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. (Author/AP)

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In the last decade, the importance of cooperation between libraries has grown enormously because of many factors: decreasing library budgets, increasing information output, growth in the interdisciplinary nature and complexity of user requests, to name a few. While library cooperation has existed in one form or another for years, recent pressures have led to more formal and complex interactions. Hence, networks of libraries have grown in many States over the last few years in order to improve the many aspects of library service. These networks range from small, multicounty agreements to large concerns, such as OCLC, which provides service to many States. For the purposes of this bibliography, a Network is defined as an agreement between two or more libraries to "engage in a common pattern of information exchange, through communications, for the same functional purpose." (Joseph Becker)

In 1970, a Conference on Interlibrary Communications and Information Networks was held at Airlie House, Warrenton, Virginia. Sponsored by the A.L.A., this meeting was a focal point for all those interested in cooperative library efforts and for all existing documentation to date on this subject. The Conference Proceedings can thus be seen as an excellent state-of-the-art report, and description of future trends and requirements, and as such constitutes a useful reference source: Proceedings of the Conference on Interlibrary Communications and Information Networks. Editor, Joseph Becker. Chicago: American Library Association, 1971. The present bibliography attempts to continue from that point, and hence covers the various aspects of library networks which have been developed and discussed since the 1970 Conference.

Included in the bibliography are monographs, reports, journal articles and a few forthcoming papers which have been published or prepared for publication since the end of 1970. The bibliography is in seven parts: Part I covers directories; Part II lists serveral bibliographies; Part III includes articles and books of a general, introductory nature which deal with various aspects of Networks and different points of view on the topic; Part IV deals with existing Networks in America, and the various services provided. The major part of this section is divided by State and includes discussions of general networking activity within each State, followed by descriptions of specific, named Networks. After this comes a section on Multi-State Networks which were originally organized to serve more than one State; hence articles on OCLC will not be found in this section but under Ohio in the previous section, because of its initial service organization. A brief section entitled Medical Services follows, describing Networks and services for Hospital and Health Science libraries. Section V deals with various aspects of the technology of Networks: telecommunications, computers, etc. Section VI covers various questions of the organization, funding, governing, legal basis, etc of Networks.

The final section is entitled National Networking. First come articles on proposed or existing systems, and then a group of papers concerning the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS), and its proposed 'National Program for Library and Information Services.'

Many of the papers included are available from ERIC Document Reproduction Services, either at Bethesda, Maryland 20014, or at P.O. Box 190, Arlington, Virginia 22210. These papers have their ED number listed.

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